

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

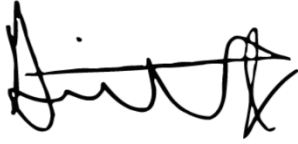
SECTION 1. *Establishment.* Pursuant to Rule 36 of the Rules of Order and Procedure of the City Council (the “Rules”), a special committee of the City Council is hereby established, to be known as the Chicago Charter Committee (the “Committee”). The membership of the Committee shall consist of the Chair of each Standing Committee, the President Pro Tempore, and the Assistant President Pro Tempore. A quorum of the Committee shall be 11 members. The Chair of the Committee shall be Alderman Michelle Harris. The Vice Chairs of the Committee shall be Alderman Gilbert Villegas, Alderman Matthew Martin, and Alderman Jason Ervin. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, the Committee shall operate in accordance with the Rules and other applicable law.

SECTION 2. *Jurisdiction; Meetings.* Notwithstanding any provision of the Rules to the contrary, the Committee shall have jurisdiction over all matters related to a potential City charter, whether by referendum or by legislation approved by the General Assembly. The Committee shall meet at least quarterly or as determined by the Chair. The Committee shall investigate, at a minimum, the following matters related to a potential City charter: (i) the structure of City government; (ii) checks and balances within City government; (iii) budgeting and City finances, including long-term budgeting and financial planning; (iv) contracting, procurement, and franchises; (v) transparency, oversight, and efficiency in City government; and (vi) the relationship between the City and the public. The Committee shall solicit input from a wide variety of stakeholders, including, but not limited to, community-based organizations, labor organizations, business advocacy organizations, faith-based community groups, local non-profit organizations, academics, elected officials from other levels of government, and members of the general public.

SECTION 3. *Required Reports.* No later than April 1, 2027, the Committee shall prepare a summary report of its findings and recommendations under this resolution, including, if appropriate, a draft resolution to submit a referendum to City voters on whether the City should establish a City charter, and submit such report to the City Council. Nothing in this section shall limit the ability of the Committee to prepare and submit interim reports to the City Council from time to time regarding its progress or findings or limit the ability of any member of City Council to propose legislation regarding a City charter.

SECTION 4. *Access to City Records; Duty to Cooperate.* Each member of the Committee is authorized to obtain such information, data, records, reports, estimates, and statistics from any official, employee, department, or agency of the City as may be necessary for the performance of their powers and duties as a member of the Committee. It shall be the duty of every elected or appointed official, employee, department, or agency of the City to cooperate with the Committee in the course of fulfilling its duties under this resolution.

SECTION 5. *Staffing and Budget.* The Legislative Reference Bureau, the Council Office of Financial Analysis, and the Department of Law shall, upon the request of any member of the Committee, provide such internal support as may be required in connection with their powers and duties as a member of the Committee. Nothing in this resolution shall be deemed to create any liability against the City or provide for the expenditure or appropriation of any City funds.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gilbert Villegas', with a stylized, overlapping structure.

Gilbert Villegas
Alderman, 36th Ward